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Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2003, Applicant provides the following response as follows:

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the claims of Group II, with traverse.

Remarks

In the Restriction Requirement mailed January 10, 2003 the Examiner required restriction of claims 1-26 to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-20, 24-26, drawn to a method for processing blood in an apheresis system wherein the system includes the limitation of a prompting or notifying step prompting an operator of a condition.